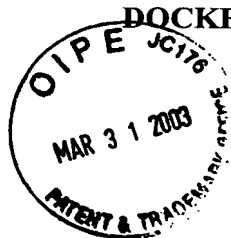


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REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is:

- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ An Amendment Responsive to the Office Action Dated November 27, 2002.
- ☐ An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed
- ☐ Other:
- ☒ Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27.
- ☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 as:

- ☐ an Independent Inventor
- ☐ a Small Business Concern
- ☐ a Nonprofit Organization
- ☐ This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
- ☐ Loss of Entitlement Enclosed
- ☐ Substitute Pages of the Specification are enclosed.
- ☐ An Abstract is enclosed.
- ☐ Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.
- ☐ A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: is enclosed.
- ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Attached Form 1449.
- ☐ A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ Appended Material as follows:
- ☐ Other Material as follows:

## FEE CALCULATION

☐ No Additional Fee is Due.

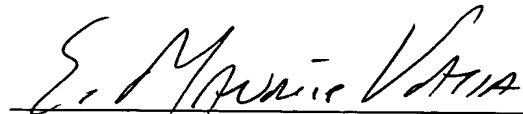
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- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$55.00** is attached. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 23-3050.
- ☒ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of November 27, 2002 to and through March 27, 2003 comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of 1 month.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.
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- ☒ Any additional filing fees required, including fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR § 1.16.
- ☒ Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 or 1.20(d).

**SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR** with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111**

This is in response to the Official Action dated November 27, 2002, issued in connection with the above-identified application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following.

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**REMARKS**

Claims 1 to 91 are pending in the application.

Applicants note with appreciation the entry of the amendment filed on October 25, 2002, and the withdrawal of all previous rejections. Since all of those rejections were